

Hunting and Trapping in Wisconsin State Parks & Trails (Draft)

Hunting and trapping will be allowed in State Parks and on some linear trails each year from October 15 through the last Thursday prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. Some areas of the park or linear trails are designated as closed to hunting and trapping (see reverse for property map).

For more information on hunting rules, regulations and season dates, please see our website at dnr.wi.gov search the keyword regulations.

Park Regulations and General Information

- Park vehicle admission stickers are required on **all** motorized vehicles that enter a state park. Hunters are encouraged to purchase stickers before opening morning to avoid delays at the office or self-registration stations.
- Hunters are responsible for parking in designated parking areas. All parking and traffic regulations apply during the hunting seasons. Vehicles shall be operated only on established roads and parking permitted only in established parking areas.
- Non-hunting visitors are also enjoying the park during hunting and trapping seasons; they may or may not be wearing blaze orange. Make sure you know where closed areas, campgrounds, buildings, and trails are located to avoid user conflicts. Hunters should be especially aware of gun safety and be certain of your target and what is beyond it.
- Fishing with bow and spears is prohibited 100 yards from a designated swimming beach or boat launch.
- Please see our website for other regulations regarding blinds on state lands.
- All state regulations relating to baiting apply.
- Fires are permitted for campers in designated campfire rings only. No fires are permitted while hunting. Be sure all smoking material is extinguished.
- Certain exemptions from rules are allowed for Class A and certain Class B disabled permit holders. See our website
- Local ordinances may apply within the boundaries of DNR property prohibiting actions such as the discharge of fire arms. Please contact local officials for additional details.
- Please respect private lands within or near the state park while enjoying the outdoors.
- **You are responsible for undertaking your recreational activity in a safe and legal manner.**

It is Illegal to:

- Hunt within 50 feet of a roadway's center or discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from a bow from or across a paved park road. (Hunting small game or turkey with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot BB or smaller is exempt from this prohibition if the roadway is unpaved.)
- It is illegal to shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy on lands you do not own without permission.

- Hike or snowshoe on designated cross-country ski trails when the ski trails are snow covered.
- Take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any wild animal or bird, or discharge any firearm on state park lands closed to hunting.
- Target shoot in a state park.
- Damage trees on state land. Cutting shooting lanes, marking trees, and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.

Trapping:

Trapping is allowed in all areas open to hunting, except within 100 yards of any designated trails or other designated use areas, such as campgrounds and picnic areas, as shown on the map. Trapping is prohibited in all closed areas.

Hunting and Trapping Hours

- Standard park hours are 6 am – 11 pm. Hunters and trappers can enter a state park one hour prior to the daily hunting and trapping starting times. When DNR regulations do not establish daily season opening and closing times, hunters and trappers may enter the park one hour prior to sunrise.
- Only registered campers who in the campground or who are traveling to their campsites and those actively involved in fishing may be in the park after 11 p.m.



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